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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.